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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

We advocate returning "managed" public forests to their natural succession.

While such projects may be necessary for public safety, our concern is that they follow specific standards that define the necessity and the criteria for selecting and disposing of the chosen trees. Such specifications must be included in the draft EA.

To be hazardous to the public, they must be along roads open and commonly used by the public, as shown on the MVU maps. The roads must not be blocked by brush, other vegetation or fallen trees. They must not lead solely to plantations or regeneration units. They must not be along narrow, steep roads unsuitable for public passage. They must not be along temporary roads or roads scheduled to be closed. They must not be on roads closed by boulders, gates or otherwise blocked.

Selected trees should only be tall enough to land on the roadway if they fall. They must be in such shape that they are likely to fall in the next ten years. They must not have commercial value (trees with commercial value are not likely to fall on their own, thus are not hazardous). No trees over 80 years of age must be felled.

Felled trees must remain in place to serve wildlife and to decay naturally. Felled trees must not be subject to removal as firewood. Felled trees must not be offered for sale. Felled trees must not be deliberately burned in prescribed fires.